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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 - 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Ex Parte

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation, WC Docket No. 10-90.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Utilities Technology Council is providing the following ex parte notification in the above-referenced proceeding in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules. On March 1, 2017, Kyle Williamson from SyncGlobal Telecom and the Fiber Networks Owners Alliance ("FNA"), Paul Belk and Michael Foor from North Georgia Networks and the Fiber Networks Owners Alliance and Brett Kilbourne from the Utilities Technology Council met with Claude Aiken, Legal Advisor, Wireline, Office of Commissioner Clyburn to discuss matters related to the Connect America Fund.

During the meeting, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Belk and Mr. Foor provided a brochure describing the Fiber Network Owners Alliance, and they explained how the FNA could serve as an information resource for the Commission as it develops policies to promote the deployment of fiber-based services in rural and underserved areas of the country. The representatives from North Georgia Network also provided a presentation that showed the broadband speeds that consumers have reported as part of the Georgia Rural Broadband Survey that is being conducted by The Georgia Broadband Center at the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government. It showed that only a small percentage of subscribers of 10 mbps and 25 mbps broadband services actually receive these download speeds, and no subscribers of 100 mbps broadband services actually received this download speed. The FNA representatives also provided FNA's nomination for Mr. Williamson to serve on the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee (BDAC), which was timely filed with the Commission on February 8, 2017. A copy of the brochure, the presentation and the BDAC application are attached as part of this ex parte filing.

Thank you for your help in this matter. If there are any questions concerning this matter, please let me know.

Respectfully,

Brett Kilbourne

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